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"From Press to Home Within the Hour"

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WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1915-TWENTY PAGES.

ONE CENT.

GULFLIGHT ATTACK IS SUBJECT TODAY OF EMBASSY PROBE

United States Begins Formal Inquiry Into Torpedoing of Tank Steamer.

SUBMARINE WAS SIGHTED BY OFFICERS OF VESSEL

Disappeared Beneath Surface and Twenty-Five Minutes Later Torpedo Struck Ship.

SURVIVORS OF CREW LANDED

Death of Capt. Gunter Cccurred Aboard British Patrol Boat Service Hours After the Explosion.

The investigation will be con-

dent Wilson "will make good his words of February," and hold the German government to strict accountability. A dispatch to Lloyds from Scilly says frow sound, has no list, but is down the bows so that forward the freeward is not more than two feet. The forehold is full of water, and the proeller blades are eighteen inches above

Apparently the torpedo struck for ard, about the bluff of the bow, a not below the load water line. Aprently the cargo has not been dam

Gulflight's Crew Landed.

a.m.—The steamer Lyonnesse last night brought from the Scilly Islands to Penzance thirty-three members of the compelling more than 100 of the 300 barroom keepers in the District to case entirely and to discontinue the Gunter of the American steams (Carlot).

miles west of Scilly. The weather was hazy, but not thick. About two and one haif miles ahead I saw a submarine. I was on watch, and notified the captain and chief officer, who also saw the submarine. It remained on the surface for April 29, and "pickets" were placed in three minutes and then disappeared.

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"Twenty-five minutes later we were side, and there was a tremendous shock.

"Don't go in there; it is a scab shop":

"They sell non-union beer" and "Scab shop shore arboard side was so badly shaken by the explosion that her crew imagined at she also had been torpedeed. We mediately lowered the boats and left is ship and were quickly taken on and the patrol boats. But the fog and the patrol boats and left and did not land at Scilly until 200 o'clock Sunday morning."

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As a result of the alleged offensive action of the pickets, Mr. Stoner tells to for Russia," said Riley's report. He told how he had been spied upon and how he had been warned that "men who attempted to interfere with employee of the railroad down the organization of railway clerks. Riley was third vice president of the union at the time.

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"Capt. Gunter's speech was thick and distinct, but we could distinguish that he wished some one to take car

boys to beat it as quickly as pos-ile, and shut the engines down. Reaching the deck, I found them unching both lifeboats. We got safe-with the exception of In the most of the most of the second of the wireless Operator Short of Chicago and a Spanish seaman, who had dived overboard when they felt the shock and were drowned."

President Reserves

Judgment as to U.S. Stand on Gulflight

Although additional information from onsul General Skinner at London today stated that the first officer of the American steamer Gulflight, wrecked by a torpedo Saturday with a resultant today. loss of three lives, said the submarine was sighted twenty-five minutes before the torpedo was fired, President (Continued on Second Page.)



er, Appeals to Court for Relief From Boycott.

CHARGES LABOR UNIONS WITH UNLAWFUL ACTS

"Picketed" for Purpose of Depriving Him of Custom.

The strike of the brewery workers. Declaring that the Pennsylvania rail 206 7th street southwest, against five zations and that it had a system of with unlawfully.

LONDON, May 4, 1:51 p.m.—

The American embassy began today an investigation of the torpedoing of the American steamer
Gulflight. An examination of the
ship as well as of the crew will
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after luncheon this afternoon, Robert
T. Lincoln, chairman of the board of
directors of the Pullman Car Company,
took the stand to complete the testimony given in Chicago before the
commission on the subject of the comditions of labor of Pullman car porters
and conductors.

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The investigation will be conducted as expeditiously as possible, so that no time may be lost in transmitting the report to Washington.

Hopes for Drastic Action.

The London afternoon newspapers comment only in the briefest manner on the Gulflight incident. The Westminster Gazette asks whether President Wilson will make good his words.

Conditions Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen.

The Individuals cited to court are Albert J. Kugler of Cincinnati, Ohio; John Sullivan of New York city and William Roberts, William H. Schaefer, Harry F. Rock, Henry Miller, Frederick W. Bauer, Otis A. Wilson, Fritz Klein, Frank W. Rom, John H. Lorch, Mortimer B. Godfrey, Milton Snellings, Charles Burns, Newton A. James, George Miller, jr.; Frank Cockrell, Wenzel Krajicek, Asa Dempsey, Theodore Levy, Robert L. Norfolk, Dennis P. Mahoney, Gottlieb Kaiser and Edward P. Folliard.

Conditions Before Date of Strike. The court is told of the names of the fact that they have heretofore employed members of the unions mentioned exclusively until April 2, 1915, when the employes quit their positions and "went out on a strike." The terms
"fair" and "scab" as applied in labor
circles are also explained to the court
and the policy of labor unions not to
permit members of their organization
to work with "non union" men is set
forth in the petition of the saloonkeeper.

The negotiations between the brew eries and their employes previous to the strike are also detailed to the court, and the allegation is made that members of the defendant unions claim

Gunter of the American steamer Gulflight, which was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands last Saturday. The chief efficer and chief engineer remain with the vessel, which is anchored in Crow sound, to look after the interests of the steamer's owners.

In an interview at Penzance, Second officer Paul Bower of the Gulflight, whose home is in Chicago, said:

"When the Gulflight left Port Arthur we were followed by a warship of some description, which kept out of sight, but in touch by wireless, and warned us not obsclose our position to any one.

Sighted a Submarine.

"At noon Saturday we were twenty-five miles west of Scilly. The weather was hazy, but not thick. About two and one.

Alleges a Boycott

The confluctors and trainmen, it had persistently fought all other labor organizations. He said that it had broken up the union of railway clerks by discharging all clerks who joined the organization.

Mr. Stoner tells the court he has been engaged in the liquor business for eighteour years and has built up a lucrative trade and patronage composed of employes of the national and local governments, professional and business men. For many years, he says, he has purchased the wares of the National Capital Brewing Company, as the defendants well knew. He also sells beers of out-of-town concerns known as union beer. Although it is known, he says, that he has no interest in the differences between the local brewers and that the railroad company had behaved in a similar manner toward that he refuse to purchase and dispense the locally-brewed beer.

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Death of Capt. Gunter.

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pen to be union men to cease

LIEUT. ARCHER-SHEE DEAD.

Lieut. Archer-Shee was dismissed from the Royal Naval College at Os borne in 1908 on charges which re-sulted in a sensational lawsuit. The youth was declared innocent by the so his father £7,120 (\$35,600) as compen-

BALTIMORE CITY ELECTION ON. Citizens Voting for Mayor and Municipal Officials Today.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 4.-Candidates for mayor, city controller and members of the city council, who will hold office for four years, are being voted for here

Mayor James H. Preston, democrat, is a candidate for re-election. His republican opponent is Charles H. Heintzman. There are two progressive party candidates, both for city council.

RAILWAY ACCUSED OF USING GUNMEN

Theodore Stoner, Saloonkeep- | B. H. Perham Before Industrial Commission in Behalf of Union Telegraphers.

> TALKS OF CONTROVERSY WITH PENNSYLVANIA CO.

Alleges His Place of Business Is Robert T. Lincoln Testifies Regarding Conditions of Labor Aboard Pullman Cars.

ras called to the attention of the Dis- road had used gunmen and "bulls" trict Supreme Court today, when an intimidate union labor men, that it had injunction suit was filed by Theodore discharged and discriminated against G. Stoner, proprietor of a restaurant at its employes who joined labor organilabor unions and twenty-four individ- espionage second to none in the world, uals among the striking brewery em- B. H. Perham, president of the Order of Mr. Stoner charges that Railroad Telegraphers, appeared today "pickets" have been placed about his before the industrial relations commis aloon, that customers are induced not sion to discuss the controversy which to enter his place, and that he is being had existed for years between the road boycotted and his business interfered and the order. The hearings, which are to continue for three weeks, are be-

H. B. Perham First Witness.

H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, was the first witness before the commission when it

began hearings today. Mr. Perham read to the commission a statement of the controversy between the order of telegraphers and the Penn sylvania railroad. He pointed out in his statement that the railroad men-tioned had never recognized, officially the telegraphers' union, though it did recognize the unions of enginemen, fire-men, conductors and trainmen. At one time, he said, there had been a kind of men, conductors and trainmen. At one time, he said, there had been a kind of working recognition of the telegraphers' union, but this was abandoned. Mr. Perham said there was intense dissatisfaction in 1909 and 1912 because of the attitude of the Pennsylvania railroad toward the telegraphers' union. "A strike vote was taken by the order of telegraphers," said Mr. Perham, "but the order, realizing the economic loss brought about by strikes, desired to avoid a strike if possible. It sought mediation of the controverted matters under the Erdstrikes, desired to avoid a strike if possible. It sought mediation of the controverted matters under the Erdman act, but the railroad refused. The order of telegraphers then turned to this commission, and asked permission to put its case before it."

Mr. Perham said that while the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had recognized and entered into agreements.

sistently fought all other labor ganizations. He said that it had brok-

of because of their union activities. lishment. "accost, intercept, importune, seek to influence and demand" of prospective customers not to patronize him.

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Perham read an affidavit signed E. Ireland to the effect that in Mr. Perham read an affidavit signed by A. E. Ireland to the effect that in the Pittsburgh district the employes of the Pennsylvania railroad had been informed that the company had no objection to the employes of the road forming organizations of their own, but that it would not stand for their joing any organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Perham submitted to the commission tal large number of affidavits showing that the railroad had done all in its power against members of the union. "I ask that this commission protect these men against the company," said Mr. Perham. "Some of them are still in the employ of the company.

Mr. Perham said that the Pennsylvania railroad gave out that it was

that he wished some one to have the complete of his wife. The crew had always reparded Capt, Gunter as a healthy man, and had never heard him complain."

Second Assistant Engineer Crist of the Guiffight said:

"I was on watch in the engine room when we were torpedoed, and so terrible was the blow that the Guiffight seemed to be tumbling to pieces. She seemed to be tifted high in the air, and then to descend rapidly. I told an told rapidly and the road on the police and spy system maintained by it. Its system of the road on the police and spy system maintained by it. Its system of the road on the police and spy system maintained by it. Its system of the road on the police and spy system maintained by it. Its system of the road on the police and spy system maintained by it. Its system of the road on the police and spy system maintained by it. Its system of the road on the police and spy system maintained by it. Its system of the road on the police and sp

Discusses Police Methods.

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FOUR MORE SHIPS OF NEUTRALS SUNK

German Submarines Destroy Three Norwegian and One Swedish Vessel.

pedoed in the North sea Saturday. The vessel sank within two hours. The crew of the America.

Newcastle yesterday. The America left Sunderland Saturlay morning for Bergen.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—The steamship America was owned by the Sweden-Norway line, and carried a cargo of lubricating oil and general merchandise port March 28 for Bergen and Chris- sians. tiania, in command of Capt. Endresen

Two Other Norwegians Sunk.

LONDON, May 4.-The Norwegian teamer Baldwin was sunk by a German submarine in the North sea Sun-The members of the crew, numbering

seventeen men, were allowed to take to their boats. Yesterday they landed at Leith. win before she went down. COPENHAGEN via London, May 4.-

The Norwegian steamer Laila was sunk the North sea Friday by a German abmarine. Her crew was landed at in the North sea Friday by a G submarine. Her crew was land Copenhagen yesterday by the st Anna, which witnessed the sinkin at the request of the commander German submarine took the cr the Laila aboard.

Swedish Schooner Torpedoed.

LEITH, Scotland, May 4. The crew

DISAPPROVES USE OF NAME. Justice Hughes Not a Candidate in

Any Sense for Presidency. In view of recent references to the name of Associate Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court of the United States as a candidate for the presidency, the

Pennsylvania police commonly known to eriployes as "bulls." He said they had been used to assault union men with blackjacks.

"There is no check on these bulls." said Mr. Perham. "They are a menace to the community and their use should be prohibited by law."

Mr. Perham said the company sometimes hired all the halls in a place when it learned that union meetings had been planned. Frequently false arrests were made by the railroad police to hamper and injure railroad been sent as a strike breaker and when he learned this he turned in his tools and quit his job. He was arrested next ment being made he had stolen his tools.

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Tustice Hughes wholly disapproves the use of his name in connection with the presidential campaign. Not only has he no desire to re-enter politics, the use of his name in connection with the presidential campaign. Not only has he no desire to re-enter politics, but as a member of the Supreme Court he is not a candidate in any sense, and cannot permit his not a candidate in any sense, and cannot permit his not a candidate in any sense, and cannot permit his not a candidate in any sense, and cannot permit his not a said the company some times to be used."

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Justice Hughes attitude now is said by his friends to be the same as it was in 1912, when many regarded him as a compromise candidate. He felt then that the had taken the Supreme Court bench as his life's work, which he thoroughly enjoyed, and he much preferred to be chancellor today, it will in all the chancellor today, it will in all the chancellor today, it will in all the chancellor today, it will be asset to the chancellor today, it will be asset to the chancellor today, it will be asset to the chancellor today.

Mr. Lloyd George said that if the war lasted during the expenditure in that time would

TEUTONS TAKE 21,000 PRISONERS IN GALICIA

Russians Also Lose Many Guns and Large Quantities of War Materials.

BERLIN, May 4, via London.-The Russians lost 21,500 prisoners to the Gernans and Austrians in the recent heavy NEWCASTLE, England, May 4.-The fighting in western Galicia, according to Norwegian steamship America was tor- an official statement given out in Berlin today

This is the engagement in which teen hours later by the Norwegian captured, the Teutonic allies took sixteen town, mailboat Sterling and was landed at pieces of artillery, forty-seven machine guns and a large quantity of war material. tions in Flanders where the fighting has been hot for many months past.

inces of Russia the Germans have capvalued at \$240,166. She sailed from this tured more than 4,000 retreating Rus-

are described as having resulted favorably to the Germans. **GERMANY IS TREATING**

BRITISH OFFICERS WELL

Arranges to Accord Men Privileges Granted Teutons Held in England.

LONDON May 4-A British official announcement issued today says Germany is arranging, through the American ambassador, to accord exactly of five men of the Swedish schooner Elsa similar treatment to the British ofhave been landed here. Their vessel, ficers who have been specially confined they say, was destroyed by the Ger-in Germany as that given by Great

ENGLAND'S WAR BUDGET **NEARLY SIX BILLIONS**

following authoritative statement was LONDON, May 4, 4:45 p.m.—In premade today in his behalf and with his senting the budget to the house of approval:

"Justice Hughes wholly disapproves exchequer. David Lloyd George estiexchequer, David Lloyd George, esti- attractive.

Storms and Floods Kill Forty-One. hence.
Mr. Lloyd George estimated that the total revenue for the year 1915-1916 would be £270,182,000 (\$1,350,910,000). This is an increase of £43,618,000 (\$218,190,000) over the total of last HOUSTON, Tex., May 4.-Forty-one

ATTACK BY ALLIES

Land and Sea Operations Against Dardanelles Continue, Athens Reports.

change Telegraph Company, the decaration is made that the vali of Smyrof thirty-nine men, was picked up thir- notable victory. In addition to the men with the allies for the surrender of the

ATHENS, May 4, via London, 2:10 The Germans yesterday took five posi- p.m.—The bombardment of the Turkish the abandonment of the king's trip to ing eastward from Frankfort, Berlin resumed, according to messages reach-The same announcement sets forth that ing here from Mitylene, and the warin the German invasion of the Baltic prov- ships of the allies continue their lively shelling of the forts on the Dardanelles The allies are reported to have effected a landing near the site of the to Quarto."

miles south-southeast of Smyrna. Slowly Overcoming Turks.

PARIS, May 4 .- "The allies' operations against the Dardanelles are de-veloping favorably, according to information reaching here from different sources," says the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency.

"Heavy fighting continues, in which the Turks are constantly being worsted. The guns of the fleet lend effica-cious aid to the troops. The allies have occupied several villages, which were in ruins. The Turks, it seems, burn all villages as they retire."

Allies Occupy Maidos. LONDON, May 4.-Various special dis-

patches from Mitylene reaching London, by way of Athens, say that the allies have occupied Maidos, on the Dardanelles, twenty-two miles south of The British admiralty has as yet

nade no comment on these reports. A Tenedos dispatch to the Daily News nder Monday's date says. "Fierce fighting continues day and night in the Dardanelles. The ships of the fleet are working in shifts, and the bombardment is incessant. In spite of

desperate resistance, we have made

steady progress, both on land and sea. The most vital points of the enemy's defenses now are strongly invested."

Samuel Werthheimer Dead.

School Pupils Plant 20,000 Trees. PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 4.- Twenty housand trees, the gift of the city ouncil, were planted yesterday Pittsburgh school children. Many of he trees were placed in school yards, where appropriate exercises were held.

Stockings for the French Army. READING, Pa., May 4.-The French government has closed a contract for the ntire output of a Strausstown hosiery

ITALY MAY DELAY

New Proposals Are Submitted by Prince von Buelow, German Ambassador.

KING IS NOT TO ATTEND UNVEILING OF MONUMENT

Participation in Garibaldi Ceremony Would Have Been Taken to Mean War.

ROME, May 4, via Paris.-The decion of King Victor Emmanuel and the nembers of the ministry not to take part in the ceremony of the unveiling of the Garibaldi monument at Quarto Sant'Elena tomorrow is being commented upon today as a step of very great significance.

The presence of his majesty at the unveiling had come to be regarded as virtually tantamount to a declaration of war. Now the change in the king's plans is regarded as meaning that the participation of Italy in the European onflict again has been postponed.

The hope is being entertained by the pacificists that the efforts of Italy to arrange a peaceful solution of her problems may ultimately be successful.

Official Note Issued.

"In view of the international situaon the king and his ministers cannot leave the capital to be present at the it Quarto Sant' Elena," was the text of a note issued after the meeting of the cabinet yesterday. Its publication produced a profound effect upon public

Abandonment of the plan for the Abandonment of the plan for the participation of King Victor Emmanuel and high government officers in the ceremonies attendant upon the unveiling is believed to have been the result of the call made by Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, upon Foreign Minister Sonnino Sunday night. The details of this conference are supposed details of this conference are supposed to have been presented at the meeting of the cabinet, the call for which was not issued until vesterday morning

Cabinet Sits Four Hours.

The ministers assembled two hours ater, and the council lasted four hours. the ministers arrived promptly at 11 o'clock, except Minister of Justice Orlando, who was absent from Rome and he returned to the city in time to take part in some of the deliberations.
Immediately after the council closed Baron Sonnino, who had called upon the king before the session opened went to the consulate, where the first secretary of the German embassy awalted him. After receiving a verbal communication from the baron the secretary hastened to the Villa Malta, private residence of Prince von Buelow while Foreign Minister Sonnino called upon the king for a second time.

These events are interpreted in many ways in political circles, but the censors have forbidden the transmission of all comment. Correspondents are permitted to say, however, that Prince you Buelow made new proposals Sun-

cil today The press is unanimous in declaring stream of troop trains has been pourforts on the Gulf of Smyrna has been Quarto has in no way altered the gov- and other German railroad centers ernment's decisions. A semi-official note couched in vague general terms says: "Italy's attitude cannot undergo

day night to Baron Sonnino

any change from the king's not going It is recalled that when committees Other engagements in Russian Poland ancient Ephesus, a location thirty-five arranging for the dedication of the monument called upon his majesty to invite him to be present at the ceremonies he answered: "I shall go if reasons of state do not prevent me.'

An official of the foreign office is re ported to have stated that the government's decision was due entirely to the situation in Tripoli, where "Italy might be forced to extreme measures to protect our colony, where German agents

are tomenting rebellion." Diplomatic conversations concerning the war continue actively. On Saturday Baron Sonnino conferred with the Austrian and British ambassadors and yesterday Prince von Buelow, the Ger-man ambassador, had a long interview with Baron Sonnino.

Warned Out of Austria.

UDINE, Italy, May 3, via Paris, May 4.—Italian consuls in Austria-Hungary are recommending that all Italians leave the country as soon as possible. As a result of this warning Italian merchants, manufacturers and professional men are arriving today at Udine from points in Austria.

West Point Seniors at Gettysburg.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., May 4.—The senior class of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point arrived here yesterday to make a study of the movements of the two armies and the tacties used by them in the battle of Gettysburg. Many points of the field of war booty will grow rapidly PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 4.-Samuel were visited today and lectures were Werthelmer, aged eighty-two, one of given at several places, the speakers the founders of the firm of A. Gucken-helmer & Bros., distillers, has died at were made. The cadets, who number about 164, will return to West Point

Lord Derby Favors Conscription. LIVERPOOL, May 4 .- Lord Derby in-

ficated, while addressing a recruiting

Swedish Battleship Launched.

LONDON, May 4.—A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm says that the Swedish battleship Sverige, the powerful armament of which was bought by national total approximately 130,000 dozen pairs of stockings, which will be used by the French soldiers.

This will subscription, was launched yesterday at Gothenburg in the presence of King Gustave, the members of the royal family and the ministration.

Fire Sweeps Ironton, Ohio.

1RONTON, Ohio. May 4 .- Fire which

ROUT OF RUSSIANS HER WAR DECISION BY AUSTRIAN ARMY A BLOW TO ALLIES

London Admits Czar's Troops Have Been Driven Back Along 60-Mile Line.

BATTLE IN WEST GALICIA WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED

Concentration of Great Austro-German Force Had Been Going on for Three Weeks.

LARGE BOOTY FOR VICTORS

Thousands of Prisoners and Huge Quantities of Stores Fall Into Hands of the Triumphant Teutons.

LONDON, May 4, 12:00 p.m.-The reported Russian reverse in western Galicia took precedence over all other phases of the war today, and even overshadowed discussion of the forthcoming budget.

Striking an average between Austrian and German official accounts, London newspapers agree that the Russians must have been pushed back a considerable distance along this front.

Sixty-Mile Battle Line.

The line of battle runs north and south a distance of about sixty miles from the Carpathians, over Bartfeld, to the junction of the Dunajee and Vistula rivers on

the border of Russian Poland. Petrograd expresses little concern over the situation, although admitting that the Austro-German forces are making strong attacks' along the front, on which

they claim a great victory. Eight Thousand Prisoners.

VIENNA, via London, May 4,-The ustrian official statement issued yes erday confirms the German reports of big Austro-German victory along the entire front in West Galicia, and says that 8,000 Russian prisoners were cap-

tured. A large Austro-German army has been steadily concentrating before Cracow for the past three weeks, with the ment. All available Austro-Hungarian troops have been quietly transferred during this time to the Dunaiec front. and for a fortnight past an unbroken

Warning of Big Events. Thus was warning given that big events were impending in the east Newspaper correspondents were permitted to telegraph that a new offensive on the Russian front was in preparation, and even to intimate that the blow would fall neither in the Mazurian lakes regions nor in the Carnathians Closer indications, of course,

were out of the question. Final plans for this movement were approved at a conference held in Berlin April 23 between Gen, von Falkenhayn, chief of the German staff, an Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendor chief of the Austrian staff. (kenzon, commander of the inth army, who came from the n Poland, also was present at the Ber-

"Got the Jump" on Russians.

He left for the front to take comnand of the new army that same night after receiving his final instruction-So far as known Field Marshal von Hindenburg dld not attend the Berlin council of war, although he visited German headquarters with Gen. Mackenson shortly previous to this. It is too early to discuss the full military effect of this victory in Galicia, but it s the opinion of Austrian observers

that the German and Austrian strate-gists "got the jump" on the offensive which the Russians were believed to be planning and of which their cam-paign in the Carpathians was thought to have been preliminary. The number of prisoners taken by the Teutonic allies mentioned in the the Teutonic allies mentioned in the first report is noticeably small, but the experis here expect that the total num-ber of men captured and the

Piercing of Russian Line.

significant feature of the reports of this victory is the reference piercing of the front of the Russian army. The Russian commanders up to the present time usually have been able to avoid a breach in their by falling back before the line broke, The political value of this victory of dicated, while addressing a recruiting meeting here yesterday, that he was in favor of conscription.

"I want to see the services of every man in this country under fifty-five largest number of trees d in Pittsburgh at one time of a plan to make the city

Swedish Battleshin Launched.

The political value of this victory of the rist magnitude is regarded here as quite as great as the military. It comes in the midst of the Austro-Hungarian loans, the said.

Swedish Battleshin Launched.

> West Galicia Description of Battle.

"The Austro-Hungarian offensive

ucceeded with surprising rapidity. The Russians occupied naturally ositions on the Dunajec and the Biala, which had been strengthened with imaginable method of fortificapersons were killed or drowned in recent storms and floods in Texas, according to a compilation made here last night. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered.

swept an entire business block here yesterday afternoon gutted the Masonic Temple, opera house and a number of other buildings, doing damage anything which has occurred on the estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.